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2. At a time prior to the filing date of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0003755 A1 entitled "INK COMPOSITION, INKJET RECORDING METHOD USING THE SAME AND RECORDED MATTER" and published on January 28, 2004, in the names of Hiroshi Fukumoto et al (filing date April 21, 2003), we conceived and reduced to

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Additives to Eliminate Bronzing of Inkjet Ink Formulations

Write a brief abstract of the invention.

The present invention describes the use of claimed compounds to prevent bronzing of inkjet inks. These compounds prevent bronzing by their basicity relative to the bronzing dye(s) and media of interest. In addition, the hue of the bronzing dye(s) is shifted towards that when printed on media on which the dye(s) do not bronze.

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Description of Invention

List prior solutions and their disadvantages.

A prior solution is to raise the pH of the ink, as stated in US patent 5,062,893, assigned to Hewlett - Packard. This solution is liable to cause materials degradation by the inks.

Explain the problems solved by the invention.

Bronzing is a lustrous sheen of a printed sample in reflected light which can be associated with only certain colors. This is an undesirable print quality issue for the customer and prevents color attributes from being measured.

This invention improves bronzing to acceptable levels or eliminates it altogether.

What are the advantages of this invention over what has been done before?

The advantages of this invention over increasing the pH of the ink are that pH-sensitive materials are not jeopardized and that there are a wide range of compounds which can be utilized in the employment of the invention, leaving the formulation space open.

Describe the construction and operation of the invention.

Compounds can be added to an inkjet ink to prevent bronzing. The present invention involves the

addition of compounds having a $pK_a(s)$ above the $pK_a(s)$ of the dye and lower than that of the ink. The ink must be at a pH above the highest applicable pK_a of the dye. These compounds in the ink, upon being jetted onto an acidic media, will raise the pH of the media in the vicinity of the dye, preventing bronzing and causing a hue shift relative to ineffective ones. Examples include: 3-pyridylcarbinol, triethanolamine, N-methyldiethanolamine, and N-phenyldiethanolamine. (See Table 1.)

The additive(s) to the ink and the concentration necessary to prevent bronzing depends upon: the concentration of dye printed, the pK_a of the additive, the $pK_a(s)$ of the dye, and the pH of the media. For example, an experimental phthalocyanine dye has a pK_a at 7.5. The ink is at pH 8-8.5. Adding a compound such as triethanolamine (aqueous pK_a 7.77) at 10% eliminates bronzing onto an experimental media with a pH of 4. Adding diethanolamine (aqueous pK_a 8.88) does not affect bronzing, likely due to the fact that the majority of the diethanolamine is protonated in the ink (i.e., the effective concentration of solvent is lower) and cannot significantly raise the pH of the local media environment. (See Table 1.)

In addition, the hue angle of the bronzing dye on the media shifts under milder conditions (e.g., lower concentration, higher pK_a of additive) than that required to eliminate bronzing. (See Table 1, diethanolamine and triethanolamine.)

Herein we claim:

1. Amines with a pK_a in the range 5-11. Classes of compound include: alkylamines, ammonia, ethanolamine derivatives, pyridine derivatives, amino acids.
2. Carboxylic acids with a pK_a in the range 5-11. Classes of compound include polycarboxylic acids such as adipic and succinic acids.
3. Buffers (organic and inorganic) with a pK_a in the range 5-11. Classes of compound include : Trizma, MOPS, sodium bicarbonate.
4. Compounds listed in claims 1-3 used in the ink in the working at a range of 2-15 wt%.
5. Compounds listed in claims 1-3 in which the pK_a is above the highest applicable pK_a of a bronzing dye.
6. Compounds listed in claims 1-3 in which the pK_a is above a media that bronzes.
7. Compounds listed in claims 1-3 in which the pK_a is from 0.5 units above to any value below the pH of the ink.

Invention History

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Table 1. Relationship of Solvent pKa to Bronzing and Hue Angle Shift*

Solvent	pKa	Bronzing?	Hue Angle
2-methyl-1,3-propanediol	>10	Yes	221.75
3-methyl-1,3,5-pentanetriol	>10	Yes	222.49
Glycerol	>10	Yes	223.24
1,2-Propanediol	>10	Yes	222.21
1,2,6-hexanetriol	>10	Yes	223.03
1,3-butylene glycol	>10	Yes	222.6
1,5-pentanediol	>10	Yes	222.67
1,2-pentanediol	>10	Yes	222.45
2-ethyl-1,3-hexanediol	>10	Yes	221.82
1,3-dimethyl-2-imidazolidinone	<0	Yes	225.26
1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-2-pyrrolidinone	>10	Yes	224.43
sulfolane	<0	Yes	223.16
2-pyrrolidinone	>10	Yes	224.53
3-pyridylcarbinol	5 to 8	No	227.77
1,4-butanediol	>10	Yes	223.04
1,2-hexanediol	>10	Yes	222.82
<i>diethanolamine</i>	8.88	Yes	230.49
<i>triethanolamine</i>	7.77	No	230.39
N-methyldiethanolamine	5 to 8	No	Not available
cyclohexanone	<0	Yes	Not available
cyclohexanol	>10	Yes	Not available
EHPD	>10	Yes	Not available
cyclopentanol	>10	Yes	Not available
cyclohexylmethanol	>10	Yes	Not available
cyclopentanone	<0	Yes	Not available
N-phenyldiethanolamine	5 to 8	No	Not available

*Dye: Cyan 485/4 (pKa approx. 7.5), 10 wt% solvent, ink pH 8-8.5.

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